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SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 12 SATURDAYS, 10 to 1. SUMS LESS THAN \$1, or MORE THAN \$250 at one time will not be received. No Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 2.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100, or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 3.—INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2% per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.
- 4.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 5.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if marked "ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS," will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 6.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1890.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL\$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL\$500,000.

LONDON:
Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office.....25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards COLLECTIONS, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Manager.
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL\$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND4,600,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
CHAIRMAN—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—J. S. MOSES, Esq.

T. E. DAVIES, Esq. S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq. Hon. A. P. MCWEN, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. L. POENCKNER, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK, Esq. D. R. SASSOON, Esq.
A. MCCONACHIE, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
HONGKONG—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
SHANGHAI—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of BANKING and EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1890.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL\$5,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL2,500,000.
RESERVE FUND2,500,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman.
Hon. C. P. CHATER, Managing Directors.
Hon. J. S. MOSES, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

LEE SING, Esq. S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
J. S. MOSES, Esq. Hon. A. P. MCWEN, Esq.
G. E. NOBLE, Esq. L. POENCKNER, Esq.
POON PONG, Esq. D. R. SASSOON, Esq.

BANKERS.
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land, and Buildings.
Properties purchased and sold.
Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to land, etc., conducted.

Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Offices, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.
A. SHELTON HOOVER, Secretary.

Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1890.

Intimations.

STOCK TAKING SALE.

REDUCED PRICES.

FOR CASH ONLY.

TROPICAL TWEED COATS & pants, \$13.50
DRESS SUITS from \$20.
LINEN, DRILL and DUCK SUITS.
FLANNEL, SERGE and MERINO.
FRENCH CAMBRIC printed SHIRTING.
Waterproof COATS & overalls CAPES from \$5.
Leggings and over SHOES.
English-made BOOTS and SHOES.
UMBRELLAS, Summer UNDERCLOTHING
in all materials, HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.
ROBERT LANG & Co. [139]

Hongkong, 17th May, 1890.



CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Hongkong—13, Queen's Road.

ESTD. 1864.	
CHAMPAGNES.	HOCKS.
SHERRIES.	WHITE WINES.
PORTS.	BURGUNDIES.
CLARETS.	LIQUEURS.
&c.	&c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE JUST LANDED A NEW LOT OF GROCERIES, PROVISIONS AND SUMMER DELICACIES.

English-Cured Bacon and York Hams.
English and American Cheese.
Gorgonzola and Roquefort Cheese.
Huntley and Palmer's Biscuits and Plumcakes.
Van Houten's Cocoa, De Jongh's Cocoa.
Paysander Tongues.
Stower's Lime Juice Cordial and Syrup.
Cherry Brandy, Cherry Cordial, Ginger Wine.
Napier Johnstone's Whisky, square bottles.
Cutler & Palmer's "Pall Mall" Whisky & Invalid Port.
Chamberlain, Haut Sauterne, Chateau Laroze, Margaux, Medoc.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s special blend of Teacher's Highland Cream and our usual stock of Wines, Spirits, Beer, &c.
Regular supplies of the Japan Brewery Co.'s Light Beer.

HONGKONG, 29th May, 1890.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

CIGARETTES, CIGARS AND TOBACCOS.

ALL IN SPLENDID CONDITION AND FIT FOR IMMEDIATE SMOKING.

Sweet Caporals.
Kinney's Straight Cuts.
Full Dress Straight Cuts.
Richmond Straight Cuts.
Virginia Brights.
Little Beauties.
TOBACCOS.
Richmond Gem Curly Cut.
Mixture.
Dixie Chop Cut.
Oil Rip.
Richmond Birds Eye.
White Three Casts.
Will's Bristol Birds Eye.
Happy Thought.
Dollar Brand.
Star Mixture.
Golden Eagle.
Ram.

CIGARS.

Londres, Club Londres, Regalia de la Reina, Little Devils, Conchas, Nuevo Habano Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Cometas, Largos Especiales.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

MARINE HOTEL

HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, that he will OPEN THE MARINE HOTEL, on or about the 1st May.

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL is situated on the Praya, West, opposite the Old P. & O. Wharf, and is newly built after the designs of the Largest European Hotels—the BEDROOMS, BATH-ROOMS, &c., are commodious, well ventilated and well furnished, and are suitable for Single or Married Persons. THE DINING ROOM is large and looks on the Harbour.

THE TABLE D'HOTE will be supplied with the best market can provide. THE BAR and BILLIARD ROOMS are on the Ground Floor, and will be fitted up in superior style. ENGLISH and AMERICAN TABLES. WINES and LIQUORS of the best qualities and Brands only will be supplied.

The Undersigned therefore begs the patronage of the Public, hoping to give every satisfaction.
JAS. EDWARDS, Proprietor.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1890.

W. POWELL & CO.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.

NEW GOODS.
Gent's Gauze Vests and Drawers.
" Bathing Vests and Drawers.
" Spun Silk Vests and Drawers.
" Silk Vests and Drawers.
" Natural Wool Vests and Drawers.
" Summer Cashmere Vests and Drawers.
" Sanitary Wool Hosiery.
" Little Thread Socks.
" Cotton Socks.
" Wool and Cashmere Socks.
Gent's Silk and Spun Silk Socks.
" Bathing Drawers and Bathing Costumes.
" Bath Blankets and Towels.
" New Shapes in Collars.
" Shirt Fronts with Collars attached.
" New Silk, Cotton and Washing Scarfs & Ties.
" Boots and Shoes.
" Felt, Straw and Pith Hats.
" Cotton and Wool Pyjamas.
" Shirts, Dressing Gowns, &c., &c.

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

Commission Agents.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

AND

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

WE would beg to call attention to our special VERY RARE OLD "LIQUEUR WHISKY," which from its large increase of sale we have decided to reduce to \$10 per case. All goods guaranteed to be of the best quality and at prices which will compare favourably with any other house in the Colony.
Hongkong, 12th June, 1890.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED

AUSTON MUSICAL BOXES.
Phoenix " "
Symphonium " "
Baby Organ " "
New Pianco with Collard and Collard.
Violins, Banjos, Guitars.
Banjo Music and Strings.
Musical Photo Albums.
Albums for Cabinets only.
Postage Stamp Albums.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1890.

Intimations.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION, No. 32.

NOTICE is hereby given that TO-MORROW, the 21st instant (5th Moon, 5th day), being the Chinese Midsummer Festival, will be observed as a HOLIDAY, at the Kowloon Customs Office, Hulk and Stations. All examination of cargo and clearances of junks will be suspended on that date.
J. McLEAVY BROWN, Commissioner of Customs, for Kowloon & District.
Custom House, Kowloon, 14th June, 1890.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

WANTED, at the Supreme Court, a person to fill the office of THIRD ASSISTANT BAILIFF. Salary \$480 per annum. Apply by letter, with testimonials, &c., to the Registrar, Supreme Court. Also wanted, in the Botanic and Afforestation Department, CLERK and CHINESE INTERPRETER. Salary \$300 per annum. Apply by letter, with testimonials, &c., to the Superintendent of the Department.
By Command,
W. M. DEANE, Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th June, 1890.

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND CALL of \$15 (Fifteen Dollars) per Share in the above Company is hereby made and is payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, on or before July 17th, 1890. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per Annum will be charged on all Calls overdue.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. WHEELEY, Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th June, 1890.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 30th inst., both days inclusive.
F. W. CROSS, Manager.
Hongkong, 14th June, 1890.

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

This Association is formed for:
I.—The purpose of countervailing influences that are, and for a very long time have been, acting against the interests of officers of the British Mercantile Marine.
II.—To watch over and guard the interests of its members.
III.—To maintain the proper dignity of the profession.

N.B.—PUBLIC MEETINGS of this Association will be held at 8.30 P.M., every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at No. 2, HIGH STREET, the temporary quarters—until further notice. All Masters and Officers are cordially invited to join.
By direction of the Committee.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1890.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Saturday Afternoon Competitions will be DISCONTINUED until further notice, but the ranges will be open for Practice as usual. The FAKE CUP will be also shot for once a month as before.

C. VIVIAN LADDS, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1890.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO,"
Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 21st instant, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th June, 1890.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
THE Steamship

"MORAY,"
Captain Duncan, will be despatched on the 24th inst.

For Freight, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 17th June, 1890.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON.
THE Company's Steamship

"KAISOW,"
Geo. L. Castle, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port, on or about the 27th June.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 17th June, 1890.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE Steamship

"LENNOX,"
Captain Swinnerton, will be despatched for the above Port, on or about the 28th inst.

For Freight, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 17th June, 1890.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
FOR KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
THE Company's Steamship

"MIKE MARU,"
Captain Sommer, will be despatched for the above Ports, on the 9th prox.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1890.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.
THE Company's Steamship

"WINGSANG,"
Captain Ste. Croix, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

This steamer has superior first class accommodation, specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th June, 1890.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Hunter, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 22nd June, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1890.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
THE Spanish Steamer

"SALVADORA,"
Captain C. A. Conte, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BRANDAO & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1890.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"CATTERTHUN,"
Captain Darke, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst., at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th June, 1890.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE,"
Captain Daucourt, will be despatched as above on or about the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 13th June, 1890.

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3 1/2 A. I. I. British Bark

"Z. RING,"
McLeod, Master, is now loading for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd June, 1890.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3 1/2 L. I. I. American Ship

"LANDSEER,"
Laffin, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 9th June, 1890.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3 1/2 L. I. I. British Ship

"CHARLES S. WHITNEY,"
Bolt, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 30th May, 1890.

Mails.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship

"CLYDE," Capt. J. L. Parfitt, R.N.R., with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON via BOMBAY & SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, the 26th June, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M., on the day before sailing.

Ships and Vessels for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo: General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

Tea will be sent either via Bombay or Colombo according to arrangement.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for Marseilles.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 16th June, 1890.

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via Kobe and Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 26th June, at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passengers Tickets issued to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fare granted as follows:—
To San Francisco.....\$225.00
To San Francisco and return, } 393.75
available for 6 months.....
To Liverpool..... 325.00
To London..... 330.00

To other European Ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Special Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.
Hongkong, 17th June, 1890.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of July, 1890, at 10 A.M., the Company's Steamship "BRAUNSCHEWIG," Captain A. Meier, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE & CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be received till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on 1st July. (Parcels are not to be sent on Board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 9th June, 1890.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

Information.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, CHEMISTS.

AERATED WATES.
Our Plant comprises the latest improvements, and is one of the most complete and efficient ever shipped from England.
The Purity of the water is certified by analysis. The construction of the machinery and system of manufacture in the force ensures cleanliness and absence of all contamination in the finished waters.
The quality of the Soda Water is equal to that of the best English makers.
The Flavour of the syruped waters is equal to any produced in England or abroad.

DAKIN'S AERATED Sarsaparilla.
Our make of this popular beverage is not merely a flavoured water, but is prepared with an extract of Sarsaparilla root manufactured in our own laboratory.
Price, 50 cents per dozen.
(Telephone No. 60.)
Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, 14th June, 1890.

BY APPOINTMENT.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATES.

OUR AERATED WATER MANUFACTORY is replete with the best Machinery, embodying all the latest improvements in the trade.
The greatest attention has been paid to appliances for ensuring purity in the Water-supply, to secure which we have added a Condenser capable of supplying up to 3,000 gallons of distilled water a day, and are now in a position to compete in quality with the best English Makers. Our Sweet Waters cannot be surpassed anywhere.
The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

LARGE BOMBAY "SODAS"
We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, free of Extra Charge, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.
COAST PORT ORDERS.
Whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.
FOR COAST-PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order.
Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is, "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."
And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—
PURE AERATED WATES
SODA WATER
LEMONADE
POTASH WATER
SELTZER WATER
LITHIA WATER
SARSAPARILLA WATER
TONIC WATER
GINGER ALE
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for bottles that look dirty, or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of Containing Aerated Water, as such bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
Hongkong, China, and Manila.

BIRTH.
At No. 4, Blue Buildings, on the 20th inst., the wife of Mr. E. M. HYNDMAN, of a son.

DEATH.
At Genoa, on June 17th, J. H. SMITH, of Messrs. Blackhead & Co., Hongkong, aged 49 years.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1890.
It is always a risky business to indulge in prophecy when you don't know for certain. On the 13th inst. our well-informed evening contemporary, in the course of an editorial on the impending changes in the personnel of the Hongkong Police Force, indulged in the following confident observations:—

There is little doubt that the next Captain Superintendent will be a military man, in which case of course the post of a military adjutant would be more than ever unnecessary. There are some objections to the head of the police being a military officer, but if he is supported by an Assistant who has a large experience of police duties, many of the objections are removed, and there would not be much risk of the military element being overdone.

What the *China Mail* JEREMIAH wanted to make out was that Major-General GORDON was to be the next Captain Superintendent of Police, and the soft-soap to the "Assistant who has a large experience of police duties" was a special *how-low* at the feet of Mr. Assistant Superintendent HORSPOOL. Alas for the mutability of human hopes and of prophecies indulged in by missionary saints. Our contemporary, in plain terms, was "chancing" its very long arm, but it did not reach quite far enough. The life had superficially the appearance of a probable truth, but it did not penetrate far below the surface. Since the advent of Governor DES VŒUX there has never been the slightest prospect of a military officer being placed in permanent command of the Hongkong Police, even assuming that there was a probability of the position becoming vacant, which is not the case. Major DEMPSTER and Major-General GORDON have both held the acting appointment during Capt. DEANE's absence, but they

would never have done so had Mr. HORSPOOL, at that time received his promotion as Deputy Superintendent. The last named gentleman had on several occasions acted as Chief of the Police to the satisfaction both of the Government and the community, and it was only the contemptible snobbery of that ultra-cad, Sir GEORGE BOWEN, that prevented him years ago from receiving the position to which, by his long and meritorious services, he was fairly entitled. He will get his reward now.

We have said that there is no likelihood of the post of Captain Superintendent becoming vacant for years to come, and that is the absolute truth. Mr. W. M. DEANE, we are glad to know, is in better health than he has enjoyed for a long time past, and so far as we can ascertain he has no intention of resigning the position he has so ably filled since October 1886.

Mr. DEANE is at present acting as Colonial Secretary, but as Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX, according to late advices from England, intends returning to Hongkong almost immediately, Mr. FLEMING will shortly resume his proper duties and Mr. DEANE will return to his bureau at the Central Station. But in the meantime the *China Mail's* prophecy receives a terrific shock, as it is currently reported, and on the best authority, that Mr. HORSPOOL, very shortly to be appointed Acting Chief of the Police, Major-General GORDON returning to his duties as Superintendent of Victoria Gaol. And this is a sensible arrangement that will give general satisfaction.

It is further reported that the abolition of the post of Adjutant to the Police has been postponed. This, if true, is not so satisfactory. The report is that Major DEMPSTER petitioned the Secretary of State that he be permitted to retain the Adjutancy of the Police for another two years; that his Excellency the Administrator, notwithstanding the pronounced opinions of Governor DES VŒUX on this subject and his own statements to the Legislative Council a fortnight ago, strongly supported the petition; and that Lord KNUTSON has wired out instructions granting the prayer of the petition. These statements are too circumstantial to be very far from the truth, but before dealing critically with what smacks uncommonly like one of the old-fashioned jobs of the MARSH and BOWEN régimes, we prefer waiting until one of the unofficial members elicits some definite information at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. THOMAS, the manager of the New Peak Hotel, intends to "spread" himself to-morrow night. For full details we refer our readers to the notice in our advertising columns.

TO DAY being Accession Day, the *Victor Ensign* and *Mercury* hung out a string of flags in the rain, to remind the world of the fact that 52 years ago Vicky Regina got a good billie.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, to-morrow evening, at 5 for 5.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

STANLEY'S Opera Company performed "Les Cloches de Corneville" to a rather thin house at the Theatre Royal last night. Taken all round the show was a very fair one. This evening the Company will re-produce the burlesque "I'll be Rooked," which is one of their best efforts.

THE tremendous rains which have prevailed during the last few days have, fortunately, done comparatively little damage. A portion of the roof of the Naval Hospital gave way last night, although it had only been put up after the floods in May last year. A junk or two has been overtaken by the gusts accompanying the squalls, but no lives have been lost.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock:—
March "The Standard Bearer" (Barbach).
Waltz "The Blue Bird" (Barbach).
Polka "See me dance" (Barbach).
Gigue "The Standard Bearer" (Barbach).
Polka "The Standard Bearer" (Barbach).

It is a curious fact says a writer in the *London Dispatch*, that, though the sugar plant has been so extensively cultivated over the world, nobody till this year has ever been able to get a good crop of it. The plant is propagated by cuttings. We suppose the Darwinians would say that when we propagate plants by cuttings, their specialised reproductive organs degenerate from disuse. The result, however, is that planters, being unable to improve the breed of their sugar canes by selection and crossing, fail to increase the yield. This will no longer be the case. At the conference of the Royal Society the other night a sugar cane and seedlings were exhibited, and they created the greatest interest. At Key the seed of the sugar plant has been at last discovered. Growths from seeds will now be made, and a type of plant capable of superior yield will be developed which will soon revive the decaying sugar industry in our colonies.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Daily Press* has discovered what is styled an "interesting industry in Tonkin," and he devotes half a column in describing how the natives make paper, a trade that has been in full swing in that country from time immemorial. This writer says the process employed shows "considerable ingenuity combined with great patience," and then he tells us how the Tonquinese make paper on the shores of a lake of the Grand Lac, near Hanou, from the fibrous bark of a tree indigenous to Tonquin, but not growing in that particular neighbourhood. It is hardly necessary to say that the process of paper-making in Tonquin is exactly the same as it is in China, and elsewhere in the East where European machinery has not been introduced. This enterprising correspondent has made another wonderful discovery—namely, that the elephant is a "noisy beast," which is held in great honour in Indo-China. And so is the jackass.

THE Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s new steamer *Hongkang*, specially constructed by Messrs. Raney and Ferguson, of Leith, for the Hongkong-Macao route, arrived in port this afternoon, and on proceeded to the Cosmopolitan Dock to undergo a general overhaul before being put in active service. She will probably commence running about the middle of next week.

ANOTHER wayward "bo" was "docked" before Mr. Robinson this morning at the instance of Captain Sankey, and charged with the theft of a couple of gold neckties and some other articles. Detective Sergeant Haddon succeeded in running the youth to earth after a determined hunt. His War-him remanded the case pending the settlement of a suit in the Summary Court wherein the plaintiff in this case is sued by the defendant for about \$17—alleged balance of wages due.

A FEW weeks ago Tung San Ki, a general merchant, finding himself in financial difficulties, compounded with his creditors, who agreed to accept twenty-five cents in the dollar. Accordingly, a few days ago, he went to his largest creditor, the Nam Hoi Bank, and handed the amount due in accordance with the terms of the deed of composition. This amount, however, the banker refused to accept, much to the annoyance of the hard-up trader, who at once engaged with his importunate creditor in a sharp passage of high words. From words the belligerents quickly went to blows, and the result was that they found themselves in the Police Court this morning before Mr. Robinson. Mr. Webster appeared for the complainant, Tung San Ki, and Mr. Haddon for the defendant, the bank. The case was dismissed, leaving the pugilist c banker to pay a fine of five dollars, and enter into his own recognisances of \$50 to be of very good behaviour for exactly six weeks.

News comes from St. Petersburg that Merv has been completely Russianised. When it was first occupied by the forces of the Czar the four Khans over the four tribes of the place were retained in authority. Now the four Khans have been dismissed in consequence of the investigation of a Special Commission now on the spot, and Russian officers are to take their places at the head of the tribal administration for the long time with subject princes and chiefs. Bokhara is quite sure to be fully Russianised on the first opportunity, and Khiva must follow suit. Tashkend and Kokhand, with many minor princely allies, were Russianised completely at once. Information about Russia's proceedings in Central Asia is constantly reaching our large Indian feudatories, and it is making them more loyal than they have ever been to the Queen Empress. The King of Korea should make a note of these facts in his Court Diary for reference in case the exigencies of the times should, at some future date, make it expedient that reference be made to historical facts. The Tsar does it. The Queen-Emperor does it. They all do it.

THE "Rose, Shamrock and Thistle" kept by Israel Weinberg, a German Jew, was the scene of a free fight last Monday evening in which jockeys, "chuckers-out," "bosses" and ladies (?) appear to have become mixed up considerably. P.C. 64, who happened to be in the neighbourhood at the time, summoned the Israelites for keeping a disorderly house, and had the whole crowd up at the Police Court this morning, when pretty M's B'cowi and her brother made their salaam before Mr. Robinson. Mr. Wilkinson, of Messrs. Caldwell and Wilkinson, appeared for the defence. In giving their evidence, the defendant's son and daughter insinuated that the reason why the constable brought the charge against their father was because they had refused to give him a drink last Saturday evening. They, however, admitted that there had been a row in their bar, and that the constable appeared on the scene just as soon as the row was fairly restored. His Worship remanded the case in order that the evidence of the "chuckers-out," an Austrian and a Spaniard, might be taken.

THE latest news from the East, says the *Times* of May 6th, tends to show that the influence of Japan in Korea is increasing. Hitherto the Foreign Adviser to the King has always been selected and appointed by Li Hung-chang, but the new appointment in place of Mr. Denny has been General G. W. LeGendre, a naturalized American, and after serving in the civil war, was appointed United States Consul at Amoy. While here he devoted special study to Formosa and its aborigines, and when, in 1874, a Japanese expedition was despatched to that island to punish the Bhotans of the east coast for the murder of the crew of a shipwrecked Lochoonan junk, he entered the Japanese service as adviser to General Saigo, the commander-in-chief. After the expedition he became adviser to the Japanese Government, and is the only foreigner in that country who ever held Cabinet rank in its service. For many years past he has been living in retirement in Tokio, and his appointment to Korea appears to be regarded as a diplomatic triumph for Japan. He also acted as adviser to the Japanese Government in the influence of the latter in the peninsula, and vacancies in the Korean Customs' service are now being steadily filled from Japan, and not, as he before, from China. Meantime Yuan, the famous Chinese resident, remains at his post in Seoul in spite of Korean protests against his retention.

THE numerous friends of Mr. J. H. Smith, for many years senior partner in the well known local firm of Blackhead & Co., will regret to hear that he died at Genoa, after a long illness, on Tuesday the 17th inst., a telegram to that effect having been received from Hamburg this morning by Blackhead & Co. Mr. J. H. Smith was a Hongkong resident, and it is not too much to say that a bigger-hearted man, or one who was more widely and deservedly popular, has never been associated with the colony. Energetic and far-seeing, his successes in business enterprises became proverbial, and the firm of Blackhead & Co. to a great extent owes its present leading position to his active management. He was the first to start building the small steamers and steam-launches for which Hongkong has of late years become so famous, a large number of which were turned out under his personal supervision. Mr. J. H. Smith took a great deal of interest in racing, and for several years no colours were more popular at Wongnei-chong than the "white jacket, blue sash and cap" of the confederacy who raced under the nom de course of Mr. "Jay," and although no important victories were ever achieved, Truitt finished second to Mr. Buxey's "Fun" for the Derby of 1885, winning the Jockey Cup the same afternoon, and the Scurry Stakes the following day, and last year Soli, with Mr. Reynolds in the saddle, just missed the German Cup won by Mr. Humphreys' "Violent." About three years ago Mr. Smith went to Germany, where, he plainly and unforgettably gave away, and believing that the climate of Hongkong would suit him better he returned here at the end of last year, looking but a shadow of his former self. His strength gradually failing, he was recommended to try another "trip to Europe," and left in the German mail steamer "Bayern" on May 11th. He only lived to reach Genoa, where, as above stated, he died last Tuesday, his wife and Mr. H. Drude of this colony being with him at the last. Deceased was only 49 years of age.

THERE will be a game of Polo at Causeway Bay, at 5.45 p.m., to-morrow.

CHINESE rate-payers are wondering what the title of the Water Authority, who is to make his debut under the provisions of the new Water Bill, will be. Some of them suppose it may be *Shui-kwai*, but we hardly think so. It would scarcely be sufficiently decorous. *Shui-wong* (water king) is much nearer the mark.

The *Times* has been the first to "let the cat out" about our long-lost *Redpole*, expected on this Station since March. It says:—"The officers of the gunboat *Redpole* have arrived at Colombo from Bombay and report a somewhat exciting experience. The *Redpole*, a new gunboat of 805 tons and 1,200-horse power, was built at Pembroke, and is commanded by Lieutenant and Commander Frederick H. P. W. Freeman, with a complement of 75 all told. She left Plymouth on the 10th of January last to relieve the *Merlin* on the China station, but on reaching Aden she was instructed to await the arrival of the *Calliope* from Zanzibar, in orders. When the *Calliope* arrived, sealed orders were handed over from Admiral Fremantle, and the Persian Gulf was evidently the destination of the *Redpole*, her orders being to augment the squadron there, with the object of stopping the construction of a fort which the Turks were reported to be building at the junction of the Euphrates and Karun rivers, the latter of which has just been opened up for navigation by treaty. The object of this diversion from their route to China was not, however, known on board the *Redpole* until she reached Bushire, where she met two other British vessels, the *Sphinx* and the *Griffin*. The three proceeded together and anchored at a place called Fao, at the junction of the two rivers already mentioned. It will be remembered that the chief through the instrumentality of Sir H. Drummond Wolff that the Karun river was recently opened for trade, and the idea of the Turks in building a fort at Fao was presumably to prevent shipping from going up the river, thus getting a hold of the commerce by being enabled to levy import duties. The day after the arrival, Captain Boldero, of the *Sphinx*, and Captain Blackland, of the *Griffin*, took a steam cutter and another boat in tow for the purpose of inspecting Fort Fao. As they approached they were deliberately fired upon by the Turkish soldiers in the fort, without the slightest provocation, and they returned to their ships. The ships had been in the river for some time, but at the expiration of five days the *Sphinx* and the *Griffin* went up to Bussorah, so as to be nearer the Turkish headquarters, leaving the *Redpole* at Fao. When the five days—the proper quarantine period—were up, the officers and men of the *Redpole*, *Sphinx*, and *Griffin* returned from Bussorah with an order from the Sultan at Constantinople that they were to be allowed to inspect the fort, and they were followed by a Turkish gunboat bringing a number of officers to hold a court-martial on the officers in command of the fort who had fired upon the British ships. The court-martial did not transpire, but the British believed the offending officer, a lieutenant, had been severely punished. An apology was tendered, and the Sultan, it is reported personally ordered the court-martial.

BARRADAS RENDITED.

We have reliable authority for stating that a telegram was received from Manila this morning, announcing that Barradas, the absconder from the Hongkong Money Order absconder, had been duly handed over by the Spanish authorities to Inspector Stanton and Detective-Sergeant MacLennan. He will be brought over here by the next steamer leaving Manila.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting Puisne Judge.)

INTERESTING TO BROKERS.
In the case of J. M. Castro Basto v. H. A. Shiraz, in which plaintiff claimed \$437.50, difference on shares.

His lordship delivered the following judgment:—This is an action on a contract for the sale and purchase of certain shares. Plaintiff was the broker for the vendor, and defendant was the broker for the purchaser, and both signed "for the concerned." A preliminary objection was taken by the defendant's solicitor, Mr. Hastings, that it was apparent on the face of the contract that plaintiff was acting as broker, and not as principal, and therefore was not the proper party to sue. Mr. Wilkinson, on the other hand, contended that the defendant, with the consent of the brokers, who signed "for the concerned" considered themselves liable, and therefore had a right to sue. Even if Mr. Wilkinson's first proposition were right—which, I take it for the purposes of this case, it is not necessary to say—I do not see that he has a right to sue. The cases dismissed, with costs.

TRADESMEN'S DEBTS.
E. B. Wolf was sued by Mr. Robert Lang for \$74 for goods supplied. Defendant did not appear.

He was also sued by Mr. J. Rossette for \$65, due in the same way, and by Mr. D. Kennedy for \$125 for milk.
Judgment was given for each amount.

THE "BUST-UP" BROKER.

(Air—"Won't you buy my pretty flowers!")

Underneath the sunlight's glitter,
Stands a wily "bust-up" swell,
Heedless of the mem'ries bristling
Of the Stocks that rose and fell.
How his little heart is throbbing,
Yearning for the days of yore,
Still he cries with tearful sobbing,
"Won't you buy some Selangor?"
There are many sad and weary
In this town so full of snare,
Crying every hour so dreary,
"Won't you buy some Sugar shares?"
I.
Ever coming, ever going,
The speculators hurry by,
Heedless of the sad tears flowing
From our broker's wistful eye.
Home the bankrupts' clear, "unheeding
Though their victims fume and rage,
Still he cries in piteous pleading,
"Won't you buy some Charbonnages?"
There are many sad, etc.

THE BORNEO HOTEL AND STORES COMPANY, LIMITED.

The first ordinary yearly meeting of this Company was held at the offices of the China Borneo Company, Limited, Sandakan, on Saturday the 31st May, when there were present:—Messrs. E. E. Abrahamson (Chairman), A. H. Mitchellson, W. Rigby (Directors), W. G. Darby, H. B. Dunlop, J. H. Walker, F. Bayley, E. N. M. Ashness, P. F. J. Marcus, Chan Teo Pen, and Cecil Fabris (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting, the Chairman said that no doubt all present had received and read the report and accounts, but before moving their adoption he would be glad to answer any questions.

No questions being asked, the Chairman moved, "That the report and accounts bearing date of 22nd May be adopted." Dr. J. H. Walker seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. N. M. Ashness proposed the re-election of Messrs. E. E. Abrahamson and W. Rigby as directors. This was seconded by Mr. F. Bayley and carried.

It was proposed by Dr. J. H. Walker and seconded by Mr. P. F. J. Marcus, that the appointment of Mr. H. B. Dunlop as auditor be confirmed, which was carried unanimously.

Dr. J. H. Walker proposed a vote of thanks to the Directors, which was seconded by Mr. W. G. Darby and carried by acclamation.

The Chairman said that that concluded the business of the meeting, and announced that the dividend warrants would be ready for distribution on June 5th.

SHANGHAI.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)
SHANGHAI, 10th June, 1890.

Business still continues very slack here and affairs generally have been so slow that there has really been nothing worth writing about. The *Victory* returned from her visit to the Viceroy of Nanking on Saturday last, and since then he has had two meetings on the vexed freight question and the withdrawal of the China Merchants' steamer *Kiangkwan* from the Hongkong-Canton line. So far as I can gather these meetings have not removed the difficulties, and as Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. have put the Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Kowshing* on the line between here and Ningpo a settlement seems as far off as ever.

The rumour you published the other day that the China Merchants Co. had agreed to withdraw the *Kiangkwan* from the Canton river was quite inaccurate. It being well known that to take the ship off the line was never made, and it would not have been entertained had it been made. The *Kiangkwan* will only be withdrawn to be replaced by a more suitable vessel, and not till then.

It is reported here, and I believe on good grounds, that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. are considering the advisability of running a steamer with the *Kiangkwan* on the Canton river. As they have a spare boat it is likely enough this course will be adopted.

I hear that the Chinese officials up North are making serious trouble about our new Steamboat Company, it being well known that most of the ships are held by officials, and it is openly stated that Mr. Bracie Clarke's position in the Company is merely that of managing shipping clerk. If the fight lasts the Company is almost certain to "bust."

As we are in our dead season, racing matters create very little interest. The St. Leger is occasionally talked about, but the general impression amongst "sports" is that Hero will prove an effectual obstruction to much betting or excitement in connection with the great race of our Winter Meeting. Mr. Mason has lately been wearing out his huge collection of "cracks," and crumples, retaining only Zephyr, Hero, Fontenay, El Dorado, Eureka, Hollyhock and several other reputed "cracks," in addition to three or four kept-over griffins. This has reduced the levianth stable to about twenty ponies, but of course the empty stalls can easily be re-filled when the mobs of Autumn griffins arrive from the North.

The tea prospects at Hankow, according to latest reports, are not very encouraging. Considering the miserable freights now offering to London it is really marvellous how the ocean-going tea steamers manage to clear their expenses.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

SANDAKAN, 1st June, 1890.
The new Club should be ready for occupation in six or eight months; operations on the site have commenced.

Planting operations have commenced in the Melapi estate; and a few thousand plants have already been planted out on Batu Puti estate which appear to be doing remarkably well.

Mr. C. M. D. Stewart, sub-commandant, accompanied by Mr. G. Ormsby, left for Silam per steamer *Banjerassin* on May 10th. Mr. Stewart takes over charge of Darvel Bay till further orders, with Mr. Ormsby as assistant.

Messrs. Van Son and Clutterbuck, who have been spending some days up the Segalind, have bagged a tiger which has made for the Van Son, an experienced sportsman and has killed quantities of large game both in Java and Borneo.

Mr. E. P. Gueritz, who some seven years since was Assistant Resident in Kudat, and who left in 1884, has again entered the Company's service, and will take charge of Labuan. Mr. F. G. Callaghan being about to proceed to England on six months' leave of absence.

Two large gangs of coolies recently deserted from Mr. Van der Hoeven's estate on the Labuk. Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Hastings have been sent in pursuit of one gang, which has made for the interior, and we hear that thirty other runaways have since been captured in Labuan and sent back to their employer.

The tobacco estates at Segannan and Labadatu are in vigorous preparation for the operations of 1890, and the fields have been cleared for the reception of the tobacco seed. So far, all weather indications point to a successful season, which is certainly greatly to be desired after the abnormally wet year experienced in 1889.

It is satisfactory to observe that the superior quality of North Borneo sugar is attracting the notice of experts. A consignment of selected tops was sent last year to a large plantation in Java, and his Excellency the Governor is now collecting samples of local canes for transmission to Manilla at the request of the Governor of that Colony.

We hear from a Labuan correspondent that an experienced planter has been employed by some Singapore gentlemen to report on large concessions of land that they recently purchased from the Sultan of Brunai. It is unfortunate that the concessions should have paid for the land before they saw it or took steps to have it explored, because it turns out that on the Inanam, Mengatal, and other "independent" rivers visited by this expert, there are not five hundred acres fit for tobacco cultivation, a view fully corroborated by all official reports on these rivers.

We have much regret in announcing the death of Mr. E. Muller, of the Darvel Bay Company's estates. Mr. Muller died at Selim Bukun estate on the 15th March last. Mr. Muller was an old resident of British North Borneo, having arrived here in October, 1883, with the pioneer tobacco planter, Mr. McD. Gibson, and was assistant manager on the Sun Lambah estate of the Chinese Sabab Company. He afterwards held an appointment with the Darvel Bay Company. Mr. Muller had been in poor health for some time past, and his death was not altogether unexpected.
Laurels have their little complaints as well as mortals. During the last six months the *Boilers*, and the *launces Thistle, Melaph, Dyanur*, and *Maria* have narrowly escaped explosion and were badly "burned." It is time a special Government engineer was appointed who would examine each engine driver before he is allowed to drive a launch. Now that the Government are obtaining a triple expansion steamer, a European Government engineer will probably be engaged; the fees from survey would help to pay his salary and we should have the advantage of an independent Government engineer-surveyor.—*Herald.*

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DYER ON THE JOB.

A MODERN CITY OF THE PLAIN.

It may interest some of our readers to see what Mr. Alfred S. Dyer wrote to *The Christian* respecting his late visit to Shanghai. Dyer is the notorious social purity scandal-monger who has for some months past been turning everything upside down in India upon the plea that it became his duty as a follower of the lowly Nazarene to expose "the awful state of affairs existing under the British India Sodomite Government." He published last year a series of articles in the *Sentinel*, which simply revelled in social purity filth, exceeding in grossness all the obscene literature that has ever yet disgraced modern journalism.

Our Shanghai morning contemporary comes in for a perfect tirade of abuse at the hands of the saintly Dyer, and we shall read with interest the retort courteous of the *N. C. Daily News*. The Municipality of the Model Settlement also receives abusive treatment at the hands of this offensive fanatic and the obscene "rag" he represents, but we don't suppose it will hurt them very much. However, here is what this latest regenerator of mankind has to say to the readers of *The Christian* about Shanghai:—

A BRITISH SETTLEMENT.
By Alfred S. Dyer.

Three weeks just spent in investigation in Shanghai has deepened my impression of the importance of the Christian public of Great Britain having more information of what takes place in distant British settlements. The importance of such information is accentuated where a British community is in contact with, and in full view of, a great heathen people, to whom the home Churches, with zeal and self-sacrifice, are sending forth the glorious message of the Gospel.

The foreign settlement of Shanghai, initiated by British treaty, is locally termed the "model settlement," and is regarded as presenting to the Chinese Government and people an almost perfect illustration and masterpiece of Western Christian civilisation. This "model settlement," covering a space no larger than an ordinary English country town, contains 1060 licensed opium shops, several of which are capable of accommodating from 500 to 1000 persons. Adjacent to the opium shops are dens of moral leprosy. The latter places are as many in number as the opium shops. In some cases the inmates of some of them are registered by the municipality, including little girls of fifteen years of age. If the last fact were denied, I will give the names of girl-victims and the names of the municipal doctors by whom they have been surgically violated. For the security of other sickened men, the municipal council of the "model settlement" cause a photograph of each registered girl to be attached to her card. The card is signed by a municipal doctor, and is practically an authorisation or licence to sin.

The houses in which these Chinese slaves of European wiliness reside are, many of them, open, and public, and, in some cases, the whole side of a main street is occupied by them. In the Chinese city of Shanghai, which is, of course, beyond the limits and power of the British municipality, not one such den of infamy is publicly known. Sometimes carried out, and sometimes not, according to the character of the local administrator, Chinese law is severe upon the keepers and owners of houses used for immoral purposes. The owners are liable to from 80 to 100 blows with the bamboo, and to banishment for two or three years, and to forfeiture of the house. The punishment for the keepers is even more severe, different in kind, but equally deterrent. He may be sentenced to 100 bamboo blows, and three months with a large board fastened round his neck, with his crime and sentence inscribed thereon, and ultimately to banishment to 3000 li (1000 miles) distant. If similar penalties were enforced in the "model settlement," a large proportion of its leading men would be in prison, or would leave China for the country's good.

The small professing Christian community at Shanghai has not escaped the blight which such wickedness as has been described above necessarily engenders. But there is a church within the Churches—a select few whose hearts are stirred within them as they behold the place of their habitation given over to abominations. Two years ago a few of these faithful men (supported by the prayers of some noble women), made a protest in the annual ratepayers' meeting, by whom the municipal council is elected. They were voted down. A fortnight ago the protest was bravely but ineffectually renewed. The resolutions then moved illustrate the illegality as well as the high-handed wickedness of the proceedings against which the protest was directed. The first recites that whereas the toleration and regulation of vice "are opposed alike to the principles of British and American common law, and to the law of God," and whereas "it becomes the citizens of Great Britain and America in individual and corporate action to respect and not to violate the laws of the countries to which they belong, and under whose protection, practically and ultimately, they are residing in this settlement," and whereas the keeping of houses "as an infraction of the covenant by which authorisation is granted (by the representatives of the Emperor of China) to build within this settlement houses or shops for the occupation of Chinese, or to lease or let the same," therefore "resolved that the Municipal Council be, and is hereby, instructed to discontinue at once the toleration and regulation of prostitution, and to treat brothel-keeping as an unlawful occupation, convicted and condemned by the Christian religion, by all Chinese codes of morality, and by the jurisprudence of Great Britain and America, and as a dishonourable violation of a covenant of the Chinese Imperial authority." The second resolution recites that "Whereas the largely increasing opium traffic in the settlement is destructive to the welfare of the community, it is calculated to produce the most serious moral and material results, and is prejudicial to foreign interests in China; therefore, resolved that the Municipal Council be, and is hereby, instructed to put an end to this traffic in the settlement, and to prohibit all opium shops and places for the sale of opium."

The answer of the Municipal Council to the incriminating charges of the resolutions, and especially of the first, was silence. The chairman of the council depicted discretion, and so far as his side was concerned, there was none in the meeting. Nothing suits evil-doing better than silence and darkness.
The moral level of the "model settlement" was illustrated by the editor of the *Shanghai North China Daily News* on the day preceding the ratepayers' gathering, in an article in which the case of silence was given. Of the resolutions he said:—"They are both evidently the work of some freshly imported fanaticism, and no

